changed from the existing 70 (Imported): 30 (Indigenous) to 60 (imported: 40 (indigenous) w.e.f. 1-4-90 for the year.

Growth rates both the new and old units have been allowed this year also on the lines of that of previous years. However, this facility would be available only to units fulfilling certain minimum eligibility creteria like lifting of indigenous entitlement of Penicillin-G during last year. In certain other cases growth rates have also been allowed provided the shortfalls in indigenous lifting are made good by 15.7.90.

A scheme of incentives and disincentives has also been introduced. This has been done to ensure that the units do not avail of the facility of advance imports only and are also made to lift their indigenous entitlement. The incentives are in terms of giving bonuses 5 per cent and 2.5 per cent to units who have lifted 100 per cent and 90 per cent of their indigenous entitlement of Penicillin-G till March, 1990. Disincentives are, not allowing growth rate, or facility of advance imports to units whose record of lifting has been poor during last year.

Oil Refinery at Numaligarh, Assam

2228. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to set up an oil refinery at Numaligarh in Assam; and

(b) if so, by when the work on the project is likely to commence;

(c) what are the details thereof, and

(d) what action Government propose to take to start the project within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government have approved in January, 1990 the preparation of a Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) by M/s IBP Co. Ltd. for setting up a 3 MTPA refinery at Numaligarh in Assam. The Detailed Feasibility Report is expected to be submitted by the Project authorities by end of October, 1990 for investment decision. Further action would be taken only after the same is approved by the Government.

Import of Bisacodyl Range of Drugs

2229. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister fo PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bisacodyl, Hysocine Bromide, Hydroxy Progesterone Caproate, Glipizide, Nandrolone Deconoate, Ally strenol are being imported in the country; and

(b) if so, what was the quantity and CIF value of imports of each drug during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information to the extent available is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* Appendix CLV Annexure No. 77)

Waiting List for LPG Connections in Rajasthan and Orissa

2230. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting lists for LPG connections in Rajasthan and in Orissa as on the 30th June, 1990 and by when the same are likely to be cleared;

(b) what was the demand and supply of cooking gas in these States during 1988, 1989 and also at present during 1990; and

(c) whether there is a backlog, if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the same is proposed to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As on 30th June, 1990 there were approximately 3.94 lakh and 0.34 lakh persons on the waiting list for new LPG connections in Rajasthan and Orissa respectively. New LPG connections are released all over the country in a phased manner, under the annual programme for enrolment of customers. It is not possible to indicate the time by which connections could be released to all the persons in the waiting list, on account of production shortage and insufficient infrastructural facilities.

(b) The Information is given as under:

(In MT)

Year	LPG Demand		LPG Supply	
	Rajasthan	Orissa	Rajasthan	Orissa
1988-89	61,310	12,245	60,444	12,751
1989-90	69,932	16,567	70,054	16,664
1990-91 (April—June)	17,890	4,425	17,618	4,122

(c) While suplies of LPG in Orissa had been generally normal, backlogs did develop in May and July, 1990 due to the severe cyclone and power failure which affected the production in the Vishakhapatnam Refinery and the late receipt of LPG imports at Vishakhapatnam. In Rajasthan, a temporary backlog had developed recently on account of the overall shortfall in the availability of bulk LPG. With the improvement in the availability of the bulk LPG, the backlog is expected to be brought down shortly.

Agitation by the I.O.C. Employees of Southern Region

2231. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Indian Oil Corporation, (Southern Region) have been on a work-to-rule agitation recently to protest against Government's decision to hand over Cochin Refineries products' marketing rights held by IOC to Bharat Petroleum Corporation; and